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GRAIN & LIVESTOCK REPORT

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| WEEKLY GRAIN COMMENTARY | | Kevin McNew | Adjunct Professor, UMD-College Park | |

European Jitters and USDA Reports Send Markets Lower

Renewed concerns about Greek debt and some critical elections in the Euro zone have led the equity markets lower. The Dow is down 183.2 points so far this week to finish Thursday at 12,855.07. Oil has sold off due to demand concerns stemming from a slowdown in the economy and is down \$1.77 a barrel near \$96.82 as of this writing. Gold has lost favor recently and has lost \$49 an ounce to end trade Thursday at \$1,594.10. The dollar index has marched steadily higher over the last couple of weeks as the Euro currency has fallen. Agricultural commodities experienced volatile trade after the USDA released its most recent Supply/Demand reports.

Corn was the leader to the downside after unexpected ending stocks numbers were published by the USDA. The grain is down 32 ¾ cents on the week to settle at \$5.87 ½ on the July contract. Feed use was revised lower for the upcoming quarter giving way to an ending stocks increase of 50 million bushels for ‘11/’12. Ending stocks for ‘12/’13 came in well above expectations due to a record projected yield of 166 bushels per acre. Both figures will pressure corn to the downside. Let’s not forget export sales which were reported as 224,200 MT.

Soybeans rebounded by 25 cents Thursday, but are still down 23 cents on the week to settle at \$14.55 ¼ for July delivery. Again, ending stocks were the story in the market with both this year and next year coming in lower than expectations. Adding to the bullishness was further revisions to the South American production figures. This year’s ending stocks were slashed due to higher expected crushings and exports accounting for the 40 million bushel revision lower. Export sales slowed slightly to 466,500 MT.

Wheat was a sleeper when compared with corn and soybeans this week. The grain is lower overall by 8 ¼ cents to finish trade Thursday at \$6.01 ¼ on the July Chicago contract. The USDA reports were mostly neutral this morning, but ending stocks were revised lower by 25 million bushels due to higher than anticipated export sales. Keeping a tight lid on the market, however, is a larger crop set to come out of the fields in the coming weeks. Adding underlying support is the thought that some feed use of corn will be cut due to substitution of wheat. Export sales were reported as 221,600 MT.

The equity and commodity pulled back due to Euro zone economic jitters and the USDA reports published Thursday. Soybeans continue to be the leader to the upside in the commodity markets, but corn and wheat are having a tough time finding support. The Dow has hit multi-year highs recently so any problems stemming from Europe are bound to send the market lower. The agricultural commodities will be focusing on weather in the weeks to come.

CASH GRAIN PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) DEALERS AVERAGE CASH QUOTES

| Grade and Commodity | #2 Y Shelled Corn | | #2 Yellow Soybeans | | #2 Red Winter Wheat | | #3 Barley | |
|---------------------|-------------------|------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|------|-----------|------|
| Date | 5/1 | 5/8 | 5/1 | 5/8 | 5/1 | 5/8 | 5/1 | 5/8 |
| Western, MD | 6.70 | 6.54 | 14.14 | 13.54 | 6.47 | 6.30 | 4.80 | 4.80 |
| Central, MD | 6.82 | 7.06 | 14.30 | 13.88 | 5.85 | 5.85 | 4.20 | ---- |
| Southern, MD | 6.59 | 6.53 | 14.59 | 13.93 | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Upper E. Shore | 6.72 | 6.73 | 14.64 | 13.98 | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Lower E. Shore | 6.92 | 6.91 | 14.79 | 14.13 | 6.18 | 5.90 | ---- | ---- |

FORWARD CONTRACT PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) HARVEST DELIVERY DEALER’S AVG. QUOTES

| Grade and Commodity | #2 Y Shelled Corn | | #2 Yellow Soybeans | | #2 Red Winter Wheat | | #3 Barley | |
|---------------------|-------------------|------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|------|-----------|------|
| Date | 5/1 | 5/8 | 5/1 | 5/8 | 5/1 | 5/8 | 5/1 | 5/8 |
| Western MD | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Central MD | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Southern MD | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Upper E Shore | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Lower E Shore | 5.59 | 5.48 | 13.23 | 12.71 | 5.73 | 5.45 | ---- | ---- |

GRAIN FUTURES - CME Group - Settle - May 10, 2012 Quarter - cents/bushel)

| Corn | | Soybeans | | Wheat | | Soybean Meal ^{1/} | |
|-------|------|----------|-------|-------|------|----------------------------|-------|
| MAY12 | 625¼ | MAY12 | 1452½ | MAY12 | 594½ | MAY12 | 423.9 |
| JLY12 | 587¼ | JLY12 | 1455½ | JLY12 | 601½ | JLY12 | 424.6 |
| SEP12 | 513¼ | AUG12 | 1441½ | SEP12 | 616¼ | AUG12 | 416.6 |
| DEC12 | 507½ | SEP12 | 1387½ | DEC12 | 640½ | SEP12 | 397.9 |
| MAR13 | 519½ | NOV12 | 1359½ | MAR13 | 663½ | OCT12 | 385.8 |
| MAY13 | 528¼ | JAN13 | 1354½ | MAY13 | 673¼ | DEC12 | 383.3 |
| JLY13 | 536½ | MAR13 | 1320¼ | JLY13 | 680½ | JAN13 | 376.8 |
| SEP13 | 526¼ | MAY13 | 1300¼ | SEP13 | 691½ | MAR13 | 360.8 |
| DEC13 | 523½ | JLY13 | 1302½ | DEC13 | 710½ | MAY13 | 351.3 |
| MAR14 | 534½ | AUG13 | 1279¼ | MAR14 | 718¼ | JLY13 | 350.9 |

HAY AND STRAW

New Holland, PA - May 7, 2012 - \$/ton

| Alfalfa | Mixed Hay | Timothy | Grass | Straw | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| 200.00 – 395.00 | 170.00 – 420.00 | 170.00 – 260.00 | 210.00 – 430.00 | 155.00 – 270.00 | |

Westminster, MD – May 7, 2012 - \$/bale

| Alfalfa | Alfalfa Mix | Timothy | Timothy Mix | Grass Mix | Straw |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1.80 – 3.20 | 1.90 – 4.50 | 3.50 – 5.30 | 2.90 – 3.60 | 1.50 – 5.60 | 1.90 – 3.00 |

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| POULTRY ^{2/} | | | | | | | |
| Negotiated price for truck lot of ready-to-cook, ice-pack, Grade A Fryers (\$/CWT) – Week Ending - May 12, 2012 | | | | | | | |
| | Current Week | | Prev. Week | | Prev. Month | Prev. Year | |
| N.Y. Weighted Avg. | 83.77 | | 82.60 | | 88.23 | 80.70 | |
| 12 City Composite | 86.87 | | 85.11 | | 86.74 | 83.78 | |
| SHEEP & LAMBS - Westminster, MD – May 8, 2012 – (\$/CWT) | | | GOATS & KIDS- May 8, 2012 | | | | |
| Sheep | 60.00 – 132.50 | Lambs Under 50 | 176.00 – 180.00 | Large | | 142.00 – 252.50 | |
| | | 50 – 80 lbs | 182.50 – 205.00 | Medium | | 112.00 – 142.00 | |
| | | 90 – 130 lbs | 142.00 – 197.50 | Kids | | 37.50 – 45.50 | |
| HOGS & PIGS | | | | | | | |
| DIRECT MARKET HOGS - May 10, 2012 ^{2/} | | | MARKET HOGS - Westminster, MD – May 8, 2012 | | | | |
| *Base Price Range | Carcass Basis | Weighted | Butcher Hogs | | Sows | | |
| | Base 185 lb Hog | Average | #1 215-275 lbs | 50.00 – 56.00 | Heavyweights | 31.00 – 50.50 | |
| Iowa, Minn | 67.50 – 79.50 | 76.55 | | | | | |
| Eastern Cornbelt | 69.00 – 76.35 | 74.00 | | | Boars | | |
| * Base price is the price from which no discounts are subtracted and no premiums are added. | | | | | N/A | | |
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| MARKET HOGS-Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage, PA - (\$/CWT) - May 7, 2012 ^{2/} | | | | | | | |
| Percent Lean | Weight | Price | | Percent Lean | Weight | Price | |
| 49 - 54 | 220 – 270 lbs | 59.00 – 63.00 | | 45 - 49 | 220 – 270 lbs | 56.00 – 60.00 | |
| | 270 – 300 lbs | 58.50 – 60.00 | | | | | |
| | 300 – 400 lbs | 55.50 – 58.50 | | | | | |
| FEEDER PIGS-Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage, PA- (\$/CWT) (US 1-2)- May 2, 2012 Next Feeder Pig sale – May 16, 2012 ^{2/} | | | | | | | |
| Weight | Price | Wt Avg Price | | Weight | Price | Wt Avg Price | |
| 20 – 30 lbs | 200.00 – 230.00 | 217.50 | | 50 – 60 lbs | 180.00 – 200.00 | 188.00 | |
| 30 – 40 lbs | 170.00 – 200.00 | 181.05 | | 65 – 75 lbs | 130.00 – 140.00 | 138.82 | |
| 40 – 50 lbs | 170.00 – 170.00 | 170.00 | | 75 – 85 lbs | 120.00 – 130.00 | 125.00 | |
| LIVESTOCK FUTURES - CME Group - Settle (CWT) – May 10, 2012 | | | | | | | |
| LIVE CATTLE – FUTURES | | | | LEAN HOGS – FUTURES | | | |
| JUN12 | 115.85 | DEC12 | 126.53 | MAY12 | 79.80 | AUG12 | 85.30 |
| AUG12 | 118.60 | FEB13 | 128.05 | JUN12 | 84.50 | OCT12 | 78.75 |
| OCT12 | 123.38 | APR 13 | 129.50 | JLY12 | 84.78 | DEC12 | 76.65 |
| STOCKER – FEEDER CATTLE – (\$/CWT) | | | | | | | |
| Winchester, VA – May 7, 2012 ^{2/} | | | | Westminster, MD – May 8, 2012 | | | |
| Steers | | | | | | | |
| | 300 – 400 lbs | 195.00 – 199.00 | Steers | 200 – 400 lbs | 119.00 – 206.00 | | |
| | 400 – 500 lbs | 176.00 – 193.00 | | 401 – 600 lbs | 140.00 – 147.50 | | |
| | 500 – 600 lbs | 160.00 – 174.00 | | 601 – 800 lbs | 72.00 – 123.50 | | |
| | 600 – 700 lbs | 150.00 – 152.00 | | 801 – 1000 lbs | 88.00 | | |
| | 700 – 800 lbs | 137.00 | | | | | |
| | 800 – 900 lbs | 130.00 | | | | | |
| | 900 – 1000 lbs | 127.00 | Heifers | 201 – 400 lbs | 140.00 – 215.00 | | |
| Heifers | 300 – 400 lbs | 170.00 – 182.50 | | 401 – 600 lbs | 142.00 – 148.00 | | |
| | 400 – 500 lbs | 162.00 – 175.00 | | 601 – 800 lbs | 118.00 – 124.00 | | |
| | 500 – 600 lbs | 153.00 – 159.50 | | 801 – 1000 lbs | 109.00 – 124.00 | | |
| | 600 – 700 lbs | 139.00 – 152.00 | | | | | |
| SLAUGHTER CATTLE (\$/CWT) | | | | | | | |
| Westminster, MD – May 8, 2012 | | | | | | | |
| Sltr. Cows | | | Fed Heifers | | | | |
| Breakers | 85.00 – 88.50 | | Fat | 112.00 – 114.50 | | | |
| Boners | 78.50 – 83.00 | | Lean | N/A | | | |
| Thin/Slow | 78.00 & Down | | Holsteins | N/A | | | |
| Fed Steers | | | Hols. Bull Calves to Feed | | | | |
| Fat | 111.00 – 114.50 | | #1 | 172.50 – 217.50 | | | |
| Lean | 104.00 – 109.00 | | #2 | 132.00 – 158.50 | | | |
| Select | 98.00 – 106.00 | | #3 | 82.50 – 119.00 | | | |
| Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage – May 10, 2012 ^{2/} | | | | | | | |
| Sltr. Steers: | | | | | | | |
| Hi Ch & Pr 3-4 | 1280 – 1600 lbs | 117.00 – 120.00 | | | | | |
| Choice 2-3 | 1200 – 1550 lbs | 114.00 – 118.00 | | | | | |
| Select 1-3 | 1120 – 1400 lbs | 112.00 – 115.00 | | | | | |
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| Sltr. Cows: | Percent Lean | Avg. Dressing | | | | | |
| Premium White | 65 – 75 | ---- | | | | | |
| Breakers | 75 – 80 | 86.00 – 90.00 | | | | | |
| Boners | 80 – 85 | 84.00 – 88.00 | | | | | |
| Lean | 88 – 90 | 78.00 – 82.00 | | | | | |

1/ Price Unit: Dollars and cents/ton (100 tons (2,000 lbs/ton)

2/ Source: USDA, AMS

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